

Driving Privilege Card

BACKGROUND

In 1999, former Rep. David Ure (R-Dagget, Morgan, Rich, Summit, Wasatch) sponsored *HB36 - Driver License Identification*. This law allows individuals to utilize their individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN) issued by the Internal Revenue Services as identification to obtain a driver license.

In 2005, Senator Curtis Bramble (R-Utah) sponsored *SB227-Public Safety Driving and Identification Card Amendments*, which requires the Driver License Division to issue a Driving Privilege Card only to applicants who meet all requirements for a regular driver license with the exception of receiving a Social Security number.

This card is utilized for <u>driving purposes</u> <u>only</u> and is not valid for identification purposes with any governmental entity.

A "Driving Privilege Card" issued or renewed expires each year on the birth date of the applicant.

On March 8, 2005, Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., signed SB227-Public Safety Driving Privilege Card into law.

As of December 2006, since the passage of SB227, a total of <u>27,919</u> driving privilege cards have been issued.

Currently, the State of Utah allows ALL state residents to be legally trained, tested, licensed, insured and traceable drivers as an effort to ensure public safety on Utah roads.

2007 LEGISLATION

This year, Rep. Glenn Donnelson (R-Weber) is sponsoring HB220-Driver License Qualification Amendments to repeal the driving privilege card.

Number of Driver Licenses issued with ITIN vs. Driving Privilege Cards (DPC) issued in Utah			
Month	ITIN 2004	DPC 2006	
March	1461	2716	
April	1627	2687	
May	1507	2796	
June	1763	2432	
July	1638	2826	
August	1652	2895	
September	1552	3009	
October	1662	2840	
November	1637	2587	
December	925	3131	
Total	15,424	27,919	
Source: Department of Public Safety			

Uninsured Motor Vehicle Rate March 2006- September 2006		
March	5.57%	
April	5.33%	
May	5.19%	
June	5.12%	
July	4.93%	
August	4.93%	
September	5.44%	
Source: State Tax Commission		

FEDERAL LEGISLATION

In May 2005, President George W. Bush signed the H.R. 1268 Emergency Supplemental Appropriation Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, 2005.

This law includes *Title II - Improved Security for Drivers' Licenses and Personal Identification Cards*, which outlines in detail the federal regulations for driver licenses, temporary driver licenses and identification cards for non-citizens or nationals of the United States. In relation to Utah's compliance, some components of the REAL ID Act would be in place with the passage of SB227.

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